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SUBJ: CAIRO PREPARATORY MEETING

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1. EGYPT NOVEMBER 27 OFFICIALLY INVITED U.S., USSR, ISRAEL, JORDAN, LEBANON, SYRIA, UN SYG, AND "PAL-ESTINIANS" TO ATTEND GENEVA PREPARATORY MEETING. ACTING FONMIN BUTROS GHALI MET SERIATUM WITH CONCERNED AMBASSADORS RESIDENT IN CAIRO, WHILE WALDHEIM'S INVITATION REPORTEDLY DELIVERED IN NEW YORK BY EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID (ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE CORRECTLY STATES IT WAS HANDED GEN SIILASVUO BY GHALI). PRESS INDICATES ISRAEL RECEIVED INVITE VIA AMBASSADOR LEWIS. ONLY JORDAN'S UNCLASSIFIED

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AMBASSADOR WAS WILLING BE QUOTED BY PRESS, SAYING HIS "GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE ARAB NATION WILL CONCENTRATE ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND NOT ON NEGATIVE."

2. PRESS DOES NOT INDICATE WHICH PARTICULAR PALES-TINIANS INVITED, NOR DOES IT HINT TO WHICH ADDRESS

INVITATION DIRECTED. OSAMA AL-BAZ (NOW DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE) MET WITH REMAINING PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN CAIRO NOVEMBER 26 TO "INFORM THEM" OF COMING MEETING, BUT DID NOT HAND OVER INVITATION.

3. PRESIDENT SADAT, SPEAKING TO NBC CORRESPONDENT JOHN PALMER NOVEMBER 27 (OTHER ASPECTS INTERVIEW SEPTEL), SAID EGYPTIAN INVITATION DID NOT SPECIFY LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION DESIRED. THIS LEFT TO PARTIES CONCERNED. SADAT MAINTAINED HE WILL HOLD CONFERENCE EVEN IF ISRAEL ONLY STATE WHICH COMES. PRESIDENT NOTED ISRAEL NEVER ADMITTED TO ANY PART OF ARAB WORLD; IT WILL NOW BE "ADMITTED HERE." SAID THIS PART PROCESS OF BREAKING DOWN PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER.

4. SADAT EMPHASIZED CAIRO MEETING WILL BE HELD SOLELY TO PREPARE FOR GENEVA AND OBIVATE DANGER OF PROCEDURAL DISAGREEMENTS LATER. CONCLAVE SHOULD BE VIEWED, HE MAINTAINED, AS CONTINUATION OF HIS EARLIER SUGGESTION TO SECRETARY VANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT "WORKING COMMITTEE". SADAT SAID HE PREPARED TO RECEIVE, STARTING DECEMBER 3, REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

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5. PRESIDENT DENIED THAT NEGATIVE COMMENTS IN NOVEMBER 26 SPEECH, CONCERNING SOVIET UNION AND SYRIA, WERE DESIGNED TO INSURE THESE STATES WOULD NOT ATTEND PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. SAID HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO ANYONE HELPING WITH GENEVA PREPARATIONS. POINT IS , SADAT CONCLUDED, TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN PEACE PROCESS, BEGUN BY VISIT TO JERUSALEM. EGYPT LOOKING FORWARD TO "CIVILIZED MEETING" IN WHICH EVERYTHING WILL BE DISCUSSED WITHOUT CONDITIONS. EILTS

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